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**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-14 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled or added.

**35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kuno et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,584,552). These rejections are traversed as follows.

In order to expedite prosecution and to clearly distinguish the present invention from Kuno et al, the claims have been amended as follows. According to the presently claimed invention, the broadcasting method and broadcast receiver now recite that the contents received from the storage medium are outputted in a third time period, which is different from the first time period, pre-specified by the broadcaster. In other words, contents are received and stored in response to a store start command broadcasted from a broadcaster in a first time period. Subsequently, a play command is broadcasted from the broadcaster in a second time period subsequent to the first time period. Then, the contents retrieved from the storage medium are outputted in a third time period which is different from the first time period and is pre-specified by the broadcaster. This way, contents can be broadcast using a narrow bandwidth and the broadcaster can have users reproduce the contents at a time pre-specified by the broadcasters.

On the other hand, an object of Kuno et al is that a user can view or listen to AV data without limiting a time zone after when the AV data is broadcast (see

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column 3, lines 55-59). Kuno et al do not disclose or suggest that contents are outputted in a time period pre-specified by a broadcaster as specified in the independent claims. Furthermore, Kuno et al do not disclose or suggest that contents stored in the storage medium are protected against unauthorized decryption and output in any time period except for the claimed third time period as recited in claims 2, 6 and 12. As such, it is submitted that the pending claims patentably define the present invention over Kuno et al.

**Request for Interview**

Applicants request that the Examiner conduct an interview with the undersigned in order to expedite prosecution of this application. As such, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to arrange an appropriate date and time for such interview.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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